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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 20, 2006, for which the time period to respond extends to April 20, 2006, Applicants elect Group A, Invention I (Claims 1-16, 26-33) with traverse.

Applicants' representative notes that Invention I only identifies Claims 1-15 and 26-33, however applicants' representative believes this is a typographical error and should also include dependent Claim 16, therefore we are including Claims 1-16 and 26-33 in our response.

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The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Restriction Requirement since it appears that the subject matter defined within all the groups of claims are similar. Consequently, the field of search for each group should be essentially coextensive. Thus, the burden on the Examiner will not be significant to maintain each group of claims in this application.

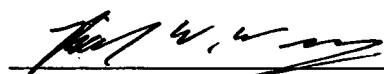
Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding the election, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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